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PRC EDITOR'S DELEGATION TO US

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1. WE CALL ATTENTION OF ADDRESSEES TO SUBJECT DELEGATION, WHICH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NCNA REPORTERS ASSIGNED TO THE UN, IS THE FIRST PRC PRESS DELEGATION TO VISIT US IN AT LEAST TWO YEARS. THEIR VISIT IS A POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT MOVE IN ESTABLISHING AN EASIER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PRESS OF THE COUNTRIES.

2. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST ON THE DELEGATION ARE NCNA DIRECTOR TSENG TAO, MFA INFORMATION DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CHIE CHI-CHEN, AND PEOPLE'S DAILY DEPUTY EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WANG JO-SHUI. WE NOTE THE DELEGATION ALSO INCLUDES MFA US AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TING YUAN-HUNG AND FOREIGN PRESS LIAISON DEPUTY DIRECTOR YAO WEI, WHO IS CURRENTLY STANDING IN FOR DIRECTOR MA YU-CHEN, NOW IN MAY 7 CADRE SCHOOL.

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3. TSENG'S EXTRA STAY AS GUEST OF UPI AND AP COULD BE RELATED TO THOSE ORGANIZATIONS' EFFORTS TO OPEN UP PEKING NEWS BUREAUS.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT CAN DEVELOP AS TO ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR DELEGATION WHILE IN THE US.

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